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## Smart Growth America Soliciting Applications for Free Technical Assistance

Smart Growth America is accepting applications for free technical assistance. Applications are due by Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 5:00 PM EDT.

SGA's expert staff will work with communities to understand their goals, show how development strategies can help achieve those goals, and provide recommendations for next steps. The assistance is funded through a Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities grant to SGA from EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities.

SGA plans to select up to six communities, three of which will be rural (20,000 or fewer residents), to receive workshops using one of SGA's nine technical assistance tools. In addition and for the first time, SGA is also offering a Complete Streets Consortium Series for three municipalities within the same state. The three municipalities join together to form a consortium, with each municipality receiving their own workshop that builds on the other workshops in the series. This is a unique opportunity for communities within the same state to form a mutual support network while enhancing relationships between state and local stakeholders. SGA expects to select one consortium for assistance.

For information about what workshops are available and how to apply, go to SGA's website: http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/technical-assistance/free-annual-workshops/apply

Interested applicants are invited to join a webinar on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM EDT to discuss the application process and important deadlines. This webinar is free but advanced registration is required. It will also be recorded and posted on SGA's website. Registration is available here:

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